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Lesson 32 Using Synonyms

Love can have a huge influence on people's lives. It might be the love for a friend, a family member, a sweetheart, or an ideal. Love has the power to guide, inspire, and reassure us about who we are. The words in this lesson relate to the power of love.

Word List

adulation	**dote**	**marital**	**reverence**
affectionate	**empathy**	**maternal**	**steadfast**
amorous	**idolize**		

EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced vocabulary word is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other words related to the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **maternal** : motherly _____
   Dictionary definition _____
2. **empathy** : caring _____
   Dictionary definition _____
3. **reverence** : respect _____
   Dictionary definition _____
4. **idolize** : worship _____
   Dictionary definition _____
5. **affectionate** : tender _____
   Dictionary definition _____
6. **amorous** : loving _____
   Dictionary definition _____
7. **dote** : adore _____
   Dictionary definition _____
8. **adulation** : praise _____
   Dictionary definition _____
9. **marital** : wedded _____
   Dictionary definition _____

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10. **steadfast** : unchanging _____

Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Usage

If the boldfaced word is correctly used in the sentence, write *correct* above the word. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.

1. Even though she had never run for office, Jan felt **reverence** for the losing candidate.
2. A wedding celebrates the **maternal** bond between a husband and wife.
3. The **affectionate** baby-sitter always gives each child a big hug when she arrives.
4. The owners **dote** on their prize-winning Persian cat; they never stop petting her!
5. The positive reviews of the new play were full of **adulation** for the leading actor.
6. *Romeo and Juliet* contains many **steadfast** scenes between the two young lovers.
7. Sitting under the ancient trees in the quiet forest, we felt a **reverence** for nature.
8. Marvin was **marital** in believing the man was innocent, although others had changed their minds.
9. The boys must **idolize** that baseball pitcher because they stood in line for three hours to get his autograph.
10. When the calf was born, the mother cow showed its **amorous** instinct by licking it clean.

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Lesson 33 Compound Words

Compound words are a combination of two or more words with separate and distinct meanings. *Snowstorm, pocket-size,* and *plus sign* are all compound words. Notice that a compound word may be spelled "closed up," with a hyphen, or with a space between the combined words.

Word List

clearinghouse	**dovetail**	**off-putting**	**over-the-counter**
cross-examine	**halfway house**	**overblown**	**stopgap**
double-talk	**highbrow**		

EXERCISE A Definitions

Analyze the words that form each compound word to match it with the correct definition.

_____ **1.** describes a person who enjoys refined cultural activities, such as the opera and art museums

_____ **2.** something that temporarily solves a problem

_____ **3.** to question closely, especially to disprove the answers to previous questions

_____ **4.** a central place from which information is distributed

_____ **5.** describes a medicine sold lawfully in stores without a prescription

_____ **6.** speech that has two meanings or is deliberately confusing

_____ **7.** describes something that is disagreeable

_____ **8.** a place where someone who has just left an institution, such as a prison or hospital, can begin to adjust to the outside world

_____ **9.** inflated; out of proportion; exaggerated

_____ **10.** to fit together neatly into a whole, like the fan-shaped fingers and openings in two pieces of joined wood

EXERCISE B Clues Matching

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. A lawyer in a courtroom might do this to a witness. _____

2. This could describe the effect of a rude remark. _____

3. A joke with a punch line about the symphony could be considered this. _____

4. Living temporarily in a tent until your house is repaired after a tornado is an example of this.

_____

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EXERCISE C Sentence Completion

Complete each sentence with the vocabulary word that fits.

1. The schedules of the five doctors _____ just right, so that someone is always on duty.
2. The statement on the product label that says it kills fish but is harmless to humans sounds like _____ to me.
3. This ranch serves as a _____ for young men who have finished their sentences at the juvenile correctional institute.
4. When Samantha came home two hours late with a poor explanation, her parents decided to _____ her.
5. Luis didn't intend to offend people, but many people found his remarks _____.
6. Lev is hooked on comic books, but his sister prefers more _____ entertainment, like the ballet.

EXERCISE D Drawing

Find a definition of *dovetail* in a dictionary that includes a picture of a dovetail joint. Draw a picture of the joint below or on a separate sheet of paper. Add a caption explaining what the drawing shows and what the joint has to do with a dove's tail. If possible, find and examine a wooden drawer that is constructed using dovetail joints.

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Lesson 34 The Suffixes *-able* and *-ible*

A suffix is a word ending that can be added to a word or root. The suffixes *-able* and *-ible* mean "able" or "capable of." Adding a suffix to a base word or root modifies its meaning. For example, the word *supportable* (*support* + *able*) means "able to be supported." Words ending in *-able* and *-ible* are always adjectives.

Word List

amicable	**credible**	**despicable**	**irascible**
audible	**defensible**	**fallible**	**pliable**
commendable	**deplorable**		

EXERCISE A Base Words and Roots

Use the information given about the base word or root and the meaning of the suffix to write the meaning of the vocabulary word.

1. The root *aud* means "hear." **Audible** means

_____

2. The root *fall* means "error." **Fallible** means

_____

3. The base word *commend* means "praise." **Commendable** means

_____

4. The base word *deplore* means "disapprove." **Deplorable** means

_____

5. The root *ira* means "anger." **Irascible** means

_____

6. The root *cred* means "believe." **Credible** means

_____

7. The root *ply* means "fold." **Pliable** means

_____

8. The base word *defend* means "protect." **Defensible** means

_____

9. The root *amica* means "friend." **Amicable** means

_____

10. The base word *despise* means "hate." **Despicable** means

_____

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EXERCISE B Synonyms

Write the vocabulary word that has most nearly the same meaning as each word or phrase below.

1. believable _____
2. flexible _____
3. deserving praise _____
4. friendly _____
5. regrettable _____
6. likely to get angry _____
7. likely to be wrong _____
8. deserving scorn _____

EXERCISE C Sentence Completion

Circle the word in parentheses that best completes the sentence.

1. The scientist had been wrong several times before, so many people suspected his theory was (defensible, fallible, credible).
2. The sound of the prop dropping on the stage was (audible, credible, commendable) only to the people in the front row.
3. In the cold weather, the garden hose froze and was no longer (pliable, amicable, audible).
4. Our (pliable, commendable, irascible) neighbor will yell at me if the leaves from our tree blow into his yard.

EXERCISE D Descriptions

Write the vocabulary word that best describes each example.

1. The act of rescuing a baby from a burning house. _____
2. A witness at a trial who is known for being honest. _____
3. Someone who can be swayed by others. _____
4. The death of one thousand people in a bomb explosion. _____

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EXERCISE A

Circle the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. People might treat a respected religious leader with (empathy, reverence, clearinghouse).
2. Teenagers might (idolize, recede, dovetail) a popular singer.
3. If you knew how the loser of a contest felt, you might feel (adulation, empathy, irascible) for him or her.
4. Giving praise can also be called (empathy, adulation, double-talk).
5. Because we all make mistakes, we are all (amicable, fallible, amorous).
6. A (halfway house, clearinghouse, stopgap) is a good place for people to recover.
7. A medicine for which you don't need a prescription is called (over-the-counter, overblown, highbrow).
8. Animals have (maternal, marital, pliable) instincts that help them keep their offspring safe.
9. Mistreating or harming others is (deplorable, credible, amicable) behavior.
10. Donating money to charity is (despicable, commendable, audible).

EXERCISE B

Circle the letter of the word that fits the definition.

1. temporary measure to solve a problem
   a. dovetail b. maternal c. stopgap d. highbrow
2. having refined and sometimes pretentious cultural tastes
   a. highbrow b. overblown c. steadfast d. amicable
3. tending to get angry easily
   a. credible b. fallible c. pliable d. irascible
4. having to do with marriage
   a. audible b. marital c. maternal d. highbrow
5. confusing or contradictory speech
   a. empathy b. double-talk c. reverence d. adulation

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